

## House Bill No. 395

An act relating to recreational licenses and permits; amending s. 372.57, F.S.; providing for a military gold sportsman's license; providing for an annual fee; providing authorizations allowed under license; providing eligibility requirements; amending ss. 372.5712, 372.5715, and 372.573, F.S.; providing for uses of specified pro rata portions of revenue generated from the military gold sportsman's license; amending s. 372.661, F.S.; exempting patrons of licensed hunting preserves from the license and permit requirements of the military gold sportsman's license while hunting on the licensed preserve property; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (4) of section 372.57, Florida Statutes, to read:

372.57 Recreational licenses, permits, and authorization numbers; fees established.—

(4) RESIDENT HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES.—The licenses and fees for residents participating in hunting and fishing activities in this state are as follows:

(j) Annual military gold sportsman's license, \$18.50. The gold sportsman's license authorizes the person to whom it is issued to take freshwater fish, saltwater fish, and game, subject to the state and federal laws, rules, and regulations, including rules of the commission, in effect at the time of taking. Other authorized activities include activities authorized by a management area permit, a muzzle-loading gun permit, a turkey permit, a Florida waterfowl permit, an archery permit, a snook permit, and a crawfish permit. Any resident who is an active or retired member of the United States Armed Forces, the United States Armed Forces Reserve, the National Guard, the United States Coast Guard, or the United States Coast Guard Reserve is eligible to purchase the military gold sportsman's license upon submission of a current military identification card.

Section 2. Section 372.5712, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

372.5712 Florida waterfowl permit revenues.—

(1) The commission shall expend the revenues generated from the sale of the Florida waterfowl permit as provided in s. 372.57(8)(a) or that pro rata portion of any license that includes waterfowl hunting privileges, as provided in s. 372.57(4)(h), ~~and (i), and (j)~~ and (9)(a)3. as follows: A maximum of 5 percent of the gross revenues shall be expended for administrative costs; a maximum of 25 percent of the gross revenues shall be expended for waterfowl research approved by the commission; and a maximum of 70 percent of the gross revenues shall be expended for projects approved by the commission, in consultation with the Waterfowl Advisory Council, for the purpose

of protecting and propagating migratory waterfowl and for the development, restoration, maintenance, and preservation of wetlands within the state.

(2) The intent of this section is to expand waterfowl research and management and increase waterfowl populations in the state without detracting from other programs. The commission shall prepare an annual report documenting the use of funds generated under the provisions of this section, to be submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate on or before September 1 of each year.

Section 3. Section 372.5715, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

372.5715 Florida wild turkey permit revenues.—

(1) The commission shall expend the revenues generated from the sale of the turkey permit as provided for in s. 372.57(8)(b) or that pro rata portion of any license that includes turkey hunting privileges as provided for in s. 372.57(4)(h), ~~and (i), and (j)~~ for research and management of wild turkeys.

(2) The intent of this section is to expand wild turkey research and management and to increase wild turkey populations in the state without detracting from other programs. The commission shall prepare an annual report documenting the use of funds generated under the provisions of this section, to be submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate on or before September 1 of each year.

Section 4. Section 372.573, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

372.573 Management area permit revenues.—The commission shall expend the revenue generated from the sale of the management area permit as provided for in s. 372.57(8)(h) or that pro rata portion of any license that includes management area privileges as provided for in s. 372.57(4)(h), ~~and (i), and (j)~~ for the lease, management, and protection of lands for public hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation.

Section 5. Section 372.661, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

372.661 Private hunting preserve license fees; exception.—

(1) Any person who operates a private hunting preserve commercially or otherwise shall be required to pay a license fee of \$70 for each such preserve; provided, however, that during the open season established for wild game of any species a private individual may take artificially propagated game of such species up to the bag limit prescribed for the particular species without being required to pay the license fee required by this section; provided further that if any such individual shall charge a fee for taking such game she or he shall be required to pay the license fee required by this section and to comply with the rules of the commission relative to the operation of private hunting preserves.

(2) A commercial hunting preserve license, which shall exempt patrons of licensed preserves from the license and permit requirements of s.

372.57(4)(c), (d), (f), (h), ~~and (i), and (j)~~; (5)(f) and (g); (8)(a), (b), (e), and (f); (9)(a)2.; (11); and (12) while hunting on the licensed preserve property, shall be \$500. Such commercial hunting preserve license shall be available only to those private hunting preserves licensed pursuant to this section which are operated exclusively for commercial purposes, which are open to the public, and for which a uniform fee is charged to patrons for hunting privileges.

Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor May 24, 2005.

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